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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicantrespectfully request that the period for response outstanding Office Action be extended for 2 months until

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